

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michelle Haynes for her laudable service to the people of Tennessee and congratulate her upon being named the Tennessee Women Auctioneer Bid Calling Champion.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary professional efforts, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Michelle Haynes of Sumner County, who recently earned the title of the Tennessee Women Auctioneer Bid Calling Champion in a state competition of the Tennessee Auctioneers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haynes works as an auctioneer and a real estate broker with her husband, Charles, at Haynes Realtors and Auction in Gallatin; the couple participate in about thirty auctions a year; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Michelle Haynes became the first woman auctioneer to graduate from the Nashville Auction School; she says being a successful auctioneer is all about engaging the bidders; and

WHEREAS, over the last two decades, Mrs. Haynes has engaged many a bidder as she has successfully auctioned off land, real estate, and a lengthy list of other items at benefits for local schools and the Sumner Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Haynes's admirers and fellow peers compliment her on her thoroughness in describing each item and on her distinct style, which is very clear and engaging; she is renowned for having a stylized chant, a rhythmic sales pitch, intermingled with filler phrases "to buy them" and "to want them"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haynes proudly represented Tennessee at the International Auctioneers Championship in Orlando, Florida; she was one of only twenty-six women throughout the United States in the competition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an auctioneer, Mrs. Haynes is also very involved with land conservation as a board member on The Land Trust for Tennessee, Tennessee Conservation Commission, and the Tennessee Native Plant Society; she also chairs the Tennessee Conservation Voters; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Haynes epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Haynes for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Michelle Haynes for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon becoming the official Tennessee Women Auctioneer Bid Calling Champion, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.